The Pelican Brief

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Club Report for May/June 2024

The last two months have been a busy time for the Club and members, especially Lion President Martin Case with his involvement with the Concert organising committee for the International Convention in Melbourne, and other members involved with the Skin Cancer Project and the Cherry Lake Market.
The image below shows Lion Martin together with Lions Michelle, Anikesh and other group personnel in the Convention Centre planning the concert event.
A more detailed Lion Presidents report appears on the following pages .

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Martin Case

Dear Lions,

There has been a great deal of activity within the Club: many thanks to all who are envisioning and actualising initiatives for the Club and our community!

Skin Check Van

Many thanks to all that participated in the Skin Check Van at Bunnings: it was quite the success! This initiative combined our mission(s) for the year: re-connecting through the arts, and re-connecting our community.

Special thanks to Altona City Rotary, Lions of Altona, Bunnings for facilitation, and to Music Valley, Glenrowan Bush Band, and Barry Walker for their performances. Special thanks to engineer Vlad Szkolar for dedicating his time, and to Lion Meredith Blackstock for taking responsibility for actualising this project.

New Sausage Sizzle Trailer

Many thanks to Lions Laurie Foley and Meredith/Allan Blackstock for taking their time to design and procure our new sausage trailer! Many phone calls/meetings/roads traveled to actualise this initiative. We give thanks to Hobsons Bay City Council for the $1500 grant for the stove tops, and if we sell the trailer (friend of Lions Joe Elul is facilitating), we will have a New Trailer, costing the Club $2,580.00. Great Work!

Tim Watts

Many thanks to Tim Watts MP for stopping by the Cherry Lake Market in June, 2024. We are grateful to receive Federal Funding of $3,500 for traffic management equipment and training. We had candid discussions about resolution to traffic management implementation, and appreciate this time and consult on the matter. Special thanks to Lion Michelle Ferlazzo for a plethora of meetings/phone calls to get us to this part of the journey.

LCI Concert Melbourne 2024

LCI Concert Melbourne 2024 is days away! This has been a massive undertaking of true international proportion. Many thanks to Lion Catherine Curtain for opening her home to international artists, Lion Mari Heazlewood as cultural liaison to Japan and volunteer liaison, Lion Lee James for volunteer co-ordination/ticket administration, Lion Anikesh Sasmal and Lion Michelle Ferlazzo as co-producers, Lion PCC Bruce Hudgson OAM for in-depth consultation, and German Lion Max Schneider for co-producing.Funds raised are dedicated to Kili for Kids, Licola, and the Cherry Lake Cultural Series. German Lions, showing support, have offered to buy tickets for Australians in bulk; the caveat is we need to get them to the public! Please contact Lion Lee James for tickets for the event.

LCI Parade Melbourne 2024

Giving thanks to Lion Bruce Hudson for giving our Club the opportunity to facilitate talent (bands, drum ensembles, dance groups) to represent delegates in the Parade. This project has allowed our Club to place over $16,500 into the hands of Australian music and art organisations. This event is to be on the 22nd of June,2024.

Cherry Lake Market/Cherry Lake Cultural Series

Many thanks to the work of Lion Michells Ferlazzo for her co-ordination of the market. The growth in the last 1/2 years has been beyond what we could have hoped: the Market regularly is booked solid within days of the registration date opening! Modernisation and administration have been key to making this work.

Our market is truly a team effort: giving thanks to All Lions of Altona (and Nick;) for their dedication and time to ensure this is a continued success. Special thanks to Lion Laurie Foley for is dedication and consistency in delivering our trailers/marquees et al every month!

The Cherry Lake Cultural Series is in the process of seeking funding, and we thank Friend of Lions Vlad Szkolar for dedicating his time and expertise while we are working to solve our finances.This month, we will be featuring Jazz Vocalist Aneta Graham, accompanied by none other than Lion Ted Woollan on piano!

Changeover

Looking forward to Changeover Dinner Wednesday, the 24th of July, in Williamstown. I am happy to announce that Lion Malcolm Harlow has decided to be President of Altona Lions for the full year *(just kidding, Malcom ;* >). Malcolm will take over Term 1 of 4 for the 2024-2025 year.

Summation

The above illustrates how we are serving our community through supporting the arts, and how we have strengthened our Club and our community service organisations through collaboration.

This has been an excellent year, and I give thanks to all who have dedicated their time, imagination, and attention to actualising all the above.

Yours in Lionism,

Martin Case

President

Lions of Altona.

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The Skin Check Van and BBQ area at Bunnings

Tim Watts MP with Lions members at the Cherry Lake Market in June

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Lion Martin views the Convention Concert Venue

Jazz Vocalist Aneta Graham to appear at the Cultural Series event at the July Market